

JOT Team:

I represent a Cooperative utility in Southern Utah. Dixie Escalante Electric serves 16,000 meters and these customers are served in part through our contract with WAPA for Colorado River Storage Project resources.

I was unable to attend any of the workshops, but I do want to make the following Key points:

- *Beneficiary/user pays for new services from WAPA-

If an entity requests a new service from WAPA, that user should absorb the costs, bottom line. WAPA is doing a great job keeping customers informed of costs associated with their core business, which is documented in their statutory authority.

- *Renewable integration is the problem and cost responsibility should be that of the developer, not WAPA or WAPA customers-

- * WAPA should not be the entity to lead the way in trying to solve the problems with renewable energy integration. Remember, WAPA's scope and mission is not to expand transmission to fit a new resource, but to provide a reliable, secure, and modern transmission system to ensure delivery of the federal hydropower resources.

- *The reliability standards provide guidelines for challenges in security, reliability and technology- WAPA has moved forward in this area and is a responsible steward of these facilities. We have seen and borne the costs associated with the increasingly complex standards.

WAPA, as well as Reclamation, keeps CRSP customers informed and involved in future plans, hydrology and market conditions. The customers meet load growth responsibility and WAPA meets its wholesale delivery requirements.

- *WAPA and the other PMA's pay their way through the customer contracts for power supply, SO DON'T TRY TO FIX SOMETHING THA IS NOT BROKEN.

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